

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has required two species elections. The first is between aliphatic polyester (claim 21) and polylactic acid (claim 22). The second is between implant (claim 23) and endoprosthesis (claim 24).

Applicants elect aliphatic polyester. Claims 1-11, 13-14, 16-21 and 23-24 read on the elected species.

Applicants elect implant. Claims 1-11, 13-14, 16-21 and 22-23 read on the elected species.

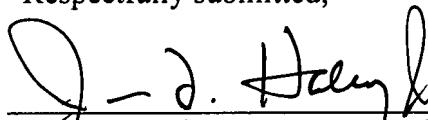
Claims 1-11, 13-14, 16-21 and 23 read on both of the elected species.

Applicants make these elections specifically without prejudice. They reserve the right to seek patents to the non-elected species in applications claiming benefit herefrom.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants request that the Examiner consider and allow the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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